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SUBJ: 28TH GA-ITEM 50, UNEP: ARGENTINE RESOLUTION

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1. AT COCKTAIL PARTY LAST NIGHT HOSTED BY CANADIAN DELEGATION, MINCON INFORMED BY AMB. RANKIN THAT CANADIAN COSPONSORSHIP OF ARGENTINE RESOLUTION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT HIGHEST LEVELS IN CANADA AND THAT COSPONSORSHIP WAS A CONSCIOUS DECISION, REFLECTING TWO FACTORS. FIRST, IT REFLECTED AN INTEREST BY CANADA TO HAVE LEVERAGE IN REGARD TO ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN THE US WHICH WOULD AFFECT THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS OF THE GREAT LAKES AND THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER. SECOND, IT REFLECTED A TRADE-OFF OF CANADIAN SUPPORT FOR THE ARGENTINE RESOLUTION IN RETURN FOR LDC SUPPORT FOR THE CANADIAN RESOLUTION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS CONFERENCE. BOTH RANKIN AND ARGENTINE PRESENT AT PARTY PRESSED FOR US COSPONSORSHIP.

2. IN VIEW THIS CLARIFICATION OF CANADIAN RATIONALE AND IN VIEW LINKAGE BETWEEN CANADIAN RESOLUTION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND ARGENTINE RESOLUTION IT IS OUR JUDG-
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MENT THAT TACTICS DESCRIBED PARA 4 REFTTEL NEED TO BE

REVISED. OUR ASSESSMENT IS THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY IN VIEW THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ARGENTINA RESOLUTION CAN BE SIDE-TRACKED, AND THAT ARGENTINA PROBABLY WILL HAVE THE VOTES TO RECAPTURE IN COMMITTEE 2 WHAT IT DID NOT GET IN STOCKHOLM DECLARATIONS, NAMELY "PRIOR CONSULTATION". WHILE USUN SHALL CONTINUE TRY FOR RECONCILIATION OF VIEWS, MINCON STRESSED TO CANADIANS AND ARGENTINE THE UNDESIRABILITY OF THE US TAKING SIDES ON THE ISSUE OF "PRIOR CONSULTATION". OUR JUDGMENT IS THAT IN VOTING SITUATION WE SHOULD ABSTAIN WITH ADEQUATE EXPLANATION OF VOTE. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.

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